



MEDIA GUIDE

EHF FINALS MEN 2021

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I FOREWORD

Welcome to two exciting days of handball, welcome to the EHF Finals Men 2021!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to the final tournament of the EHF European League Men 2020/21. On 22 and 23 May, the SAP Arena in Mannheim is hosting the apotheosis of the challenging but successful first season of this revamped club competition.

This season we have introduced a new brand identity, a new logo, new colours, a new trophy – but what has not changed compared to previous years is that the season culminates in a final tournament bringing together the four best teams.

So, here we are! Four clubs are still in the race for that coveted trophy and the line-up for the EHF Finals Men, with all four group winners present, leaves no room for doubt that we are in for a cracking weekend of handball.

Hosts Rhein-Neckar Löwen will face fierce competition from domestic rivals Füchse Berlin and SC Magdeburg, while Polish guests ORLEN Wisla Plock are more than capable to disturb the German party.

In the first semi-final, Magdeburg are set to meet Plock. Magdeburg, who won the Champions League in 2002 and the EHF Cup three times, hope to put themselves in contention to win their first European title in 14 years when they take on Plock, who are in their first appearance at this stage of a European club competition but have proven they can beat any opponents.

The second finalist will come out of the duel between Löwen and Füchse. Löwen, two-time EHF Champions League semi-finalists in 2009 and 2011, have their eyes set on their second European trophy, eight years after winning the EHF Cup in 2012/13. But Füchse are real experts in Europe's second-tier competition, having won the EHF Cup in 2015 and 2018.

Media interest has been huge for the entire EHF European League season and will reach even new heights with the extensive coverage of the EHF Finals Men, as the four matches will be shown on TV screens across Europe as well as on EHFTV.

I wish the four teams striving for the title as well as everyone else involved in the EHF Finals Men best of luck!

Michael Wiederer

EHF President

I INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the EHF Finals Men 2021 in Mannheim (GER)

It is a great pleasure to welcome all media representatives to Mannheim, Germany for the first edition of the EHF European League final tournament - the EHF Finals Men 2021.

We look forward to two days of top class handball in the SAP Arena in Mannheim as Rhein-Neckar Lösen, Füchse Berlin, SC Magdeburg and ORLEN Wisla Plock compete for the EHF European League title.

We expect extensive local, national and international coverage of the EHF Finals Men 2021. If you require any help or assistance during your time in Mannheim, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the media team from EHF, EHFM and Rhein-Neckar Löwen.

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WATCH ON EHFTV

I LIVE TV BROADCASTERS

Record TV coverage of EHF Finals Men 2021

Media coverage is reaching new heights for a European second-tier competition when the inaugural season of the EHF European League Men concludes in Mannheim.

At the EHF Finals Men 2021, four teams eye the big prize as no less than 24 TV stations worldwide will broadcast live from SAP Arena.

The record total of 24 stations broadcasting live sets a new milestone in the TV coverage of any men's second-tier final in EHF club competitions.

EHF FINALS MEN 2021

Broadcaster overview

22/23 May, Mannheim (GER)



<p> DAZN</p> <p> ARENA SPORT 2</p> <p> BELARUS5</p> <p> ARENA SPORT 2</p> <p> SPORT TV2</p> <p> TV3 MAX</p> <p> DAZN</p>	<p> VIAPLAY</p> <p> EUROSPORT PLAYER</p> <p> SILK UNIVERSAL</p> <p> DAZN</p> <p> SPORT TV 1</p> <p> ARENA SPORT 1</p> <p> ARENA SPORT 2</p>	<p> ARENA SPORT 2</p> <p> VIAPLAY</p> <p> EUROSPORT PLAYER</p> <p> TELEKOM SPORT 3+4</p> <p> DIGI SPORT 1</p> <p> LOOK SPORT</p> <p> ARENA SPORT 1</p> <p> ARENA SPORT 2</p>	<p> MYSPO RTS ONE</p> <p> SPORT TV 1</p> <p> V SPORT EXTRA</p> <p> TRT SPOR 2</p> <p> SPORT 1</p> <p> MENA* : ONTIME</p> <p> AOT** : EHFTV <small>(GEOBLOCKING RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY)</small></p>
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*MENA = Middle East & North Africa
**AOT = All other territories

I ESSENTIAL MEDIA INFORMATION

Following a successful premiere of the EHF Finals Women 2021 in Baia Mare, Romania, and the EHF Champions League quarter-finals, the focus of the handball world shifts to SAP Arena in Mannheim, Germany, which hosts the men's version of EHF's second-tier final tournament. At the EHF Finals Men 2021 Füchse Berlin, SC Magdeburg, ORLEN Wisla Plock and the hosts, Rhein-Neckar Löwen, will battle out the brand-new trophy on 22/23 May.

No matter whether they cover the tournament on site or remotely, the EHF Media team will regularly provide all journalists with all the essential information.

On-site registration process - Testing & Accreditation

Each media representative of the EHF Finals Men 2021 must register for the obligatory Corona Test on site prior to the event days.

Following your registration at www.testzentrum-ketsch.de present your registration confirmation at the testing station located at SAP Arena. The location of the testing station will be clearly signposted. Provided that you will be tested negative you will also receive the accreditation in the testing station.

Virtual access only

Despite the current strict anti-covid regulations in Germany the EHF Media team together with the tournament's hosts will do their utmost to provide all accredited media with as much access to the teams as possible. This will be done almost exclusively virtually and the journalists will be able to talk to the players and the coaches at the media calls, in the mixed zone and also at the post-match press conferences even without their presence in the arena.

Media call on Friday 21 May

The media call with the representatives of the four participating teams has become a tradition at the final tournaments of the EHF club competitions and the premiere edition of the EHF Finals Men will be no exception.

The accredited written press, radio and TV commentators will have an opportunity to discuss the upcoming tournament in the SAP Arena with the head coaches and the key players of each team. Due to the hygiene restrictions the media call will take place solely in the virtual environment on MS Teams and there will be a 30-minute time slot reserved for each team. The coaches and the players will be ready to answer your questions both in native languages and in English and the calls will be moderated by the EHF media representative.

You will receive an invitation for each part of the media call (make sure you have the MS Teams app installed in your device beforehand).

Media call schedule on Friday, 21 May (all times CEST):

- 12:00 – 12:30: SC Magdeburg - http://bit.ly/Media_call_Magdeburg
- 12:30 – 13:00: ORLEN Wisla Plock - http://bit.ly/Media_call_Plock
- 13:00 – 13:30: Rhein-Neckar Löwen - http://bit.ly/Media_call_RNL
- 17:00 – 17:30: Füchse Berlin - http://bit.ly/Media_call_Fuechse

Official event name/official hashtag

The official name of the event is the 'EHF European League Men Finals' or 'EHF Finals Men' for short. The hashtag for the event is #ehffinals.

Video recording

Video in the arena may only be recorded with the express permission of EHF Marketing GmbH. Please contact EHF Media Officer, Oliver Laaber (laaber@ehfmarketing.com | +43 676 770 9309), for further information in advance of the event. Equipment used for video recording without permission will be removed.

EHF Finals Men Online

The event will be covered extensively online by the EHF Media and Communications Department. The event can be followed at ehfel.eurohandball.com and on the official EHF European League social media channels:

https://www.instagram.com/ehfel_official/

https://twitter.com/ehfel_official

<https://www.facebook.com/ehfeuropeanleague>



I MEDIA RULES AND GUIDELINES

Official EHFM Rules of Conduct for ENG Crews

The following guidelines and rules of conduct for ENG Crews have been developed to make the job of ENG crews easier at EHF events. Upon receiving an accreditation and signing for an ENG bib, TV crews automatically agree to follow the EHFM Rule of Conduct for TV ENG crews:

1. ENG crews are obliged to produce a media identification card upon request.
2. The Host Broadcaster acts on behalf of the European Handball Federation/EHF Marketing GmbH.
3. ENG personnel are requested to wear the bib and accreditation at ALL times.
4. All ENG crews must use the stickers provided on their camera equipment.
5. The bib and the accreditation are only valid for the EHF Finals Men 2021.
6. Only the Host Broadcaster is permitted onto the playing court.
7. Right holders have to stay in the positions designated to them during the games
8. Non-rights holders are not permitted to film during the matches.
9. The guidelines and instructions of the Host Broadcasters MUST be followed at all time.
10. At no time, before, during or after the match are ENG crews permitted to stay in the area behind the players' seats or behind the official table. They must place themselves in the position advised by the EHFM.
11. ENG crews are only permitted in the TV area of the mixed zone.
12. ENG crews are not permitted to interfere/obstruct in the work of the Host Broadcaster.



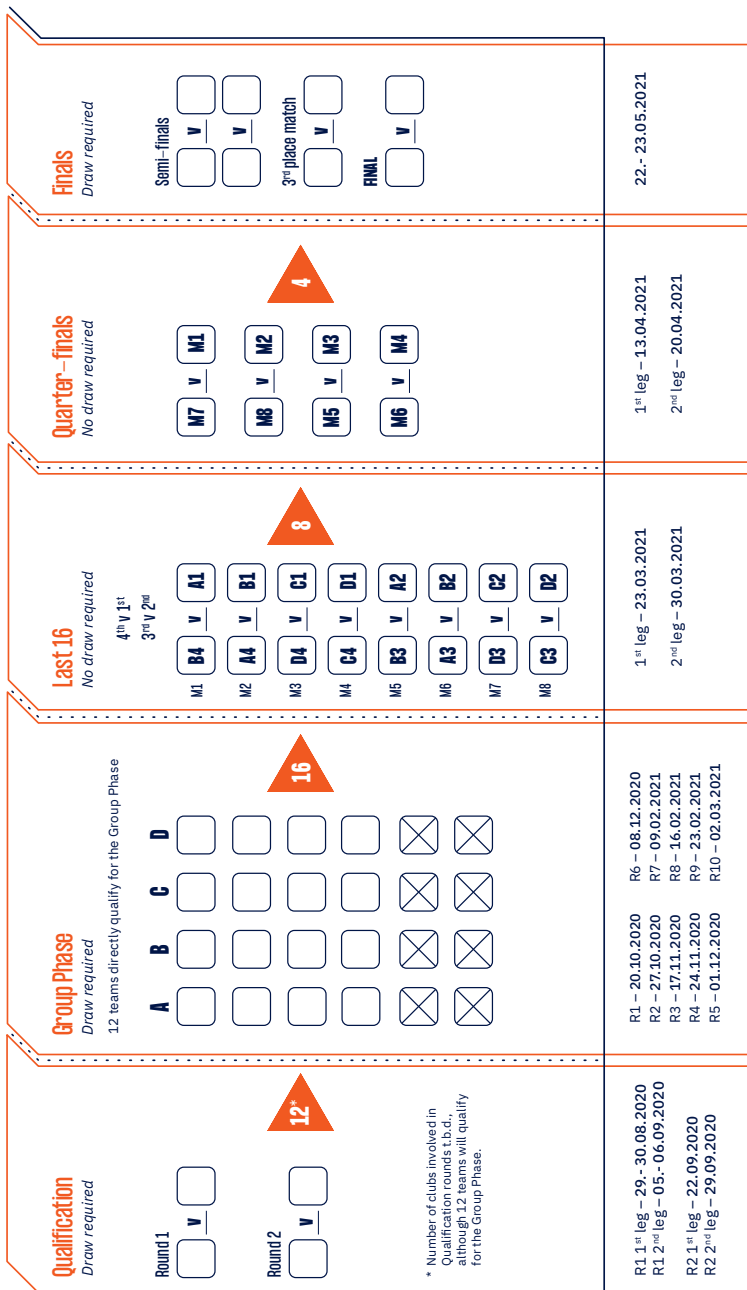
EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2020/21 GROUP PHASE



MEN'S EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

2020/21 SEASON

Playing system and dates



I MANNHEIM HOSTS EHF FINALS MEN 2021

The premiere edition of the EHF Finals Men, the final tournaments of the new EHF European League, will be played in Germany this season, with Rhein Neckar-Löwen hosting the event.

The EHF Finals Men are scheduled for 22 and 23 May, with Rhein-Neckar Löwen, fellow German sides Füchse Berlin and SC Magdeburg as well as ORLEN Wisla Plock from Poland competing in the SAP Arena in Mannheim. It has become a good tradition, since the EHF Cup Finals, that the men's second-tier club competition concludes with a final tournament format with four participating teams.

The event will be organised in accordance with the EHF Hygiene Protocol as well as with the health regulations in place in Germany.



Playing hall

SAP Arena

An der Arena 1
68163 Mannheim
Germany

Capacity: 14,500

EHF European League Men

The EHF European League Men is the revamped second-tier European club handball competition, replacing the Men's EHF Cup as of 2020/21. The competition is played with a qualification phase, group phase, Last 16, quarter-final, and final tournament: the EHF Finals Men.

EHF Finals Men

The winners of the EHF European League quarter-final have qualified for the final tournament, which brings together the four best teams of the season at one venue. The EHF Finals Men start with both semi-finals played on Saturday 22 May at 18:00 and 20:45 CEST, followed by the 3/4 placement match and the final on Sunday 23 May at 18:00 and 20:30 CEST, respectively. SAP Arena in Mannheim in Germany has been selected as the host venue of the inaugural EHF Finals Men in 2021.

I NEW COMPETITION, NEW TROPHY

The four teams competing at the EHF Finals Men 2021 know exactly what they are fighting for. The newly created trophy for Europe's revamped second-tier club competition has been revealed. And for the first time there will be no difference between the trophy for the men's and the women's editions of the competition.

The trophy is made from cast aluminum, a sustainable material. Built and designed by Spanish agency OIKO Design, which specialises in the design and production of environmentally friendly trophies, the big prize for the EHF European League weighs eight kilograms and is 76 centimetres tall.

Trophy connects EHF European League to EHF Champions League

The idea behind the design was to connect the EHF European League to the EHF Champions League, with the intertwining of the brands underlined by the goal net and the ball, which are similar in both trophy designs. The EHF European League trophy proudly wears vibrant blue and orange colours, in line with the branding of the competition.

The trophy will be handed over for the after the final on Sunday. The women's edition of the EHF Finals took place in Baia Mare, Romania, on 8/9 May and was won by Nantes Atlantique Handball.



I FROM 0 TO 7,710: THE NUMBERS BEFORE THE EHF FINALS MEN

FACTS AND FIGURES: THE MOST IMPORTANT NUMBERS FOLLOWING THE QUARTER-FINAL

The EHF FINALS Men 2021 are approaching fast.

With Rhein-Neckar Löwen, Füchse Berlin, SC Magdeburg and Orlen Wisla Plock eagerly awaiting who they are going to play in the semi-final, here are some interesting numbers and stats ahead of the draw on Tuesday 27 April at 11:00 CEST at the EHF Office in Vienna.

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times before, Plock were at a finals tournament or in the semi-final of any EHF club competition

1 of the four EHF FINALS teams started in the qualification: Rhein-Neckar Löwen, the only team to have played 16 matches already.

1 coach of an EHF FINALS contender won the CL as a coach: Löwen's Martin Schwalb (HSV in 2013). Plock's Javier Sabate was CL finalist and EHF FINAL4 participant with Veszprém.

1 player at the EHF FINALS has won the four big trophies in handball (Olympics, WCh, EHF EURO, CL): Füchse's Hans Lindberg (DEN).

1 player who won the last edition of the EHF Cup (with THW Kiel in 2019) can win the first edition of the EHF European League: Löwen's Lukas Nilsson.

1 EHF FINALS team have won the CL in the past: Magdeburg (2202).

1 team won both quarter-final legs: Magdeburg (34:38, 39:31 vs IFK Kristianstad).

1 semi-final will be an all-German duel, the first match this season between two teams from the same country.

1 EHF FINALS player was part of the WCh 2021 All-star Team: Löwen goalkeeper Andreas Palicka (SWE).

2 EHF FINALS teams played at the EHF FINAL4 in the past: Löwen (2011) and Füchse (2012).

2 former CL top scorers are part of the EHF FINALS: Löwen's Uwe Gensheimer (2010/11 for Löwen, 2016/17 and 2017/18 for PSG) and Füchse's Hans Lindberg (2012/13 for Hamburg); Lindberg also was top scorer of the EHF Cup twice (2016/17, 2017/18).

3 EHF FINALS teams lost the first leg of their quarter-final: Löwen, Füchse and Plock.

3 German coaches are part of the EHF FINALS; the only German coach to win the second-tier competition (EHF Cup) was Velimir Petkovic.

3 Icelandic coaches won the EHF Cup with German teams in the past: Gudmundur Gudmundsson (Löwen, 2013), Dagur Sigurdsson (Füchse, 2015), and Alfred Gislason (Kiel, 2019).

3 goals only was the combined winning margin for Plock in the Last 16 (+1 against Sporting CP) and quarter-final (+2 against GOG).

3 times before, the finals tournament of Europe's second-tier competition consisted of three German teams, as Füchse, Magdeburg and Göttingen all played at the EHF Cup Finals in 2017 and 2018.

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former EHF Cup champions are still in the running for the EHF European League 2020/21 title: Magdeburg (1999, 2001, 2007), Löwen (2013), and Füchse (2015, 2018).

4 - which means all - EHF FINALS contenders won their respective group earlier this season.

8 nations have been part of the EHF Cup Finals in the past, represented by 28 different clubs: Germany (6 clubs), France (4), Denmark (2), Romania, Spain, Portugal, Hungary, and Slovenia (all 1).

10 goals was the biggest winning margin in the quarter-final, when Löwen beat Chekhov 37:27.

10 victories in a row - including in all four knock-out matches - were earned by Magdeburg since a defeat to Alingsås in round 3 of the group phase.

13 matches this season (11 in the group phase, 1 in the Last 16, 1 in the quarter-final) ended with a difference of 10 or more goals.

14 goals was the largest aggregate winning margin in the quarter-final, when Magdeburg beat Kristianstad 73:59.

20 times a German club won the competition's predecessor, the EHF Cup, including six from seven EHF Cup Finals (2013-19).

24 was the highest number of saves by a goalkeeper in both legs of the quarter-final: from Dejan Milosavljev (Füchse); followed by Viktor Hallgrímsson (GOG, 23), Andreas Palicka (Löwen, 23), and Jannik Green (Magdeburg, 20).

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years of age makes Füchse's Jaron Siewert the youngest coach at a finals tournament of any men's EHF competition so far.

24 goals was the aggregate winning margin of Magdeburg in the Last 16 and quarter-final combined.

39 was the highest number of goals by a team in a quarter-final match, when Magdeburg beat Kristianstad 39:31.

54 was the lowest number of goals in a quarter-final match, when Füchse beat Montpellier 31:23.

70 was the highest number of goals in a quarter-final match, when Magdeburg beat Kristianstad 39:31.

111 goals give Emil Jacobsen (GOG) the lead in the top scorer standings; best scorer still in competition is Magdeburg's Ómar Ingi Magnusson, with 81.

140 goals were scored by Magdeburg in the knock-out phase (Last 16 and quarter-final), ahead of Löwen (123) and Plock (112). Berlin (95) played one Last 16 game less.

490 goals were scored in the quarter-final for an average of 61.25 per match.

7,710 goals have been scored so far this season for an average of 57.5 per match.

Most goals (since start of group phase):

461 - Magdeburg
419 - Löwen
409 - Plock
352 - Füchse

Top scorers (since start of group phase):

96 - Emil Jakobsen (GOG)
81 - Ómar Ingi Magnusson (SC Magdeburg)
72 - Alexander Kotov (Chekhovskie medvedi)
69 - Halil Jaganjac (RK Nexe)
68 - Gonzalo Perez (Abanca Ademar Leon)
65 - Sergei Mark Kosorotov (Chekhov)

Top scorers still in competition:

81 - Ómar Ingi Magnusson (Magdeburg)
62 - Michal Daszek (Orlen Wisla Plock)
55 - Lovro Mihic (Orlen Wisla Plock)
55 - Zoltan Szita (Orlen Wisla Plock)
53 - Jerry Tollbring (Rhein-Neckar Löwen)

Top scorers in quarter-final:

21 - Ómar Ingi Magnusson (Magdeburg)
18 - Alexander Kotov (Chekhov)
15 - Andy Schmid (Löwen)
14 - Hans Lindberg (Füchse)
12 - Emil Jakobsen (GOG), Jerry Tollbring (Löwen)



SEMI-FINAL PAIRINGS

SC MAGDEBURG (GER) VS ORLEN WISLA PLOCK (POL)



Semi-final 1
Saturday 22 May 2021 at 18:00 CEST

Referees: Duarte Santos, Ricardo Fonseca (POR)
EHF Delegates: Marco Trespidi (ITA), Jan Kampman (DEN)



- Magdeburg are the only former EHF Champions League winners at the EHF Finals 2021, and also won the EHF Cup three times - in 1999, 2001 and 2007.
- Plock's best European results were quarter-finals in EHF Cup and Cup Winners' Cup in the 1990s.
- Magdeburg won group C with nine wins and one defeat, while Plock topped group A with eight wins and two defeats.
- Magdeburg are the only team that won all four matches in the Last 16 (against Pelister) and the quarter-final (Kristianstad) and they are on a 10-game winning streak in the competition.
- Plock were close to elimination in the Last 16 against Sporting CP and also needed a comeback in the quarter-final against GOG after losing the first leg.
- Magdeburg have on Polish international in their squad, defence ace Piotr Chrapkowski. Many Polish players have worn the Magdeburg jersey, including Karol Bielecki, Grzegorz Tkaczyk and Bogdan Wenta, who also coached the team.
- Plock's most recent European Cup match in Germany was also in the arena of Rhein-Neckar Löwen, in september 2017, when both teams met in the EHF Champions League group phase.
- Magdeburg's last European Cup matches against a Polish team came in qualification for the EHF Cup 2019/20, when they beat Gornik Zabrze.
- Leading scorers are Ómar Ingi Magnusson for Magdeburg with 81 goals and Michal Daszek for Plock with 62
- Magdeburg have lost three of their last four matches in the German Bundesliga, while Plock have been unbeaten in the Polish league since a 31:19 defeat against Lomza Vive Kielce in December.

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

SC Magdeburg vs Orlen Wisla Plock 2-0-0 (71:61) 4:0

16.11.2002	Sportclub Magdeburg vs Wisla Plock SSA, EHF Champions League – Group A	40:32 (17:11)
30.11.2002	Wisla Plock SSA vs Sportclub Magdeburg, EHF Champions League – Group A	29:31 (16:12)



EHF FINALS 2021



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: white
GK shirt: red or black

Dark

Player shirt: green
Player short: green
GK shirt: red or black



Playing hall

Getec Arena Magdeburg
Berliner Chaussee 32
39114 Magdeburg
Germany
Capacity: 6,800

SC MAGDEBURG

ROAD TO THE EHF FINALS

GROUP PHASE

@ HC CSKA W27:35 (17:18)
vs Aligas HK W36:21 (18:15)
@ Montpellier HB W30:32 (15:16)
vs Besiktas Aygaz W41:22 (21:11)
vs RK Nexa W28:23 (17:10)
@ RK Nexa W24:32 (8:15)
@ Aligas HK L30:29 (15:14)
vs HC CSKA W37:30 (17:11)
@ Besiktas Aygaz W23:41 (8:20)
vs Montpellier HB W10:0

LAST 16

@ Eurofarm W24:32(9:15)
Vs Eurofarm W35:24 (14:9)

QUARTER-FINAL

@ IFK Kristianstad W34:28
vs IFK Kristianstad W39:31

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Ómar Ingi Magnusson (ISL) 81
2 Lukas Mertens (GER) 51
3 Tim Hornke (GER) 48
4 Christoph Steinert (GER) 49
5 Christian O' Sullivan (NOR) 34

FINAL RANKING GROUP C

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. SC Magdeburg	10	9	0	1	321:230	(91)	18
2. HC CSKA	10	7	0	3	263:219	(44)	14
3. Montpellier HB	10	6	0	4	231:197	(34)	12
4. RK Nexa	10	5	0	5	269:284	(-15)	10
5. Aligas HK	10	3	0	7	262:304	(-42)	6
6. Besiktas Aygaz	10	0	0	10	238:350	(-112)	0

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Winners (1): 2001/02

EHF Cup:

Winners (3): 1998/99, 2000/01, 2006/07

Champions Cup (forerunner of EHF Champions League):

Winners (2): 1977/78, 1980/81

EHF Champions Trophy:

Winners (3): 1980/81, 2000/01, 2001/02

German league (11): 2001 (GDR league: 1970, 1977, 1980, 1981-85, 1988, 1991)

German Cup (7): 1996, 2016 (GDR Cup: 1970, 1977, 1978, 1984, 1990)



GETEC hummel



Bennet Wiegert Coach

 @bennetwiegert

- played for Magdeburg from 1998-2013, except for three years, and won CL with the club in 2002
- former German international on the left wing
- replaced head coach Ger Sveinsson in December 2015, previously worked as director of the club's youth academy
- his father, Ingolf, won Olympic gold as a player in 1980 and later was also Magdeburg coach

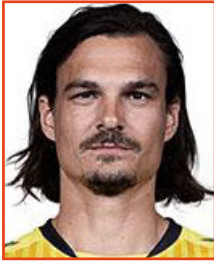
EC trophies: CL 2002 (as player)

Late entries:

Niclas Behrendt

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Niclas	Behrendt	GER	Goalkeeper	11.01.2002	Wittorf, GER	192	89
2	Zeljko	Musa	CRO	Line Player	08.01.1986	Mostar, CRO	200	114
3	Piotr	Chrapkowski	POL	Left Back	24.03.1988	Goreczno, POL	202	100
6	Matthias	Musche	GER	Left Wing	18.07.1992	Magdeburg, GER	186	75
7	Justus Max	Kluge	GER	Left Wing	24.12.1997	Magdeburg, GER	194	82
8	Christoph	Steinert	GER	Right Back	18.01.1990	Berlin, GER	196	99
10	Gisli Thorgeir	Kristjansson	ISL	Centre Back	30.07.1999	Reykjavik, ISL	191	90
11	Daniel	Pettersson	SWE	Right Wing	06.05.1992	Eskilstuna, SWE	179	72
11	Ómar Ingi	Magnusson	ISL	Right Back	12.03.1997	Selfoss, ISL	184	87
12	Tobias	Thulin	SWE	Goalkeeper	05.07.1995	Göteborg, SWE	198	99
16	Jannick	Green	DEN	Goalkeeper	29.09.1988	Lemvig, DEN	195	94
17	Tim	Hornke	GER	Right Wing	04.08.1990	Hannover, GER	189	85
21	Magnus	Gullerud	NOR	Line Player	13.11.1991	Kongsvinger, NOR	194	100
22	Lukas	Mertens	GER	Left Wing	22.03.1996	Wilhelmshaven, GER	182	85
C 24	Christian	O'Sullivan	NOR	Centre Back	22.08.1991	Oslo, NOR	190	89
25	Marko	Bezjak	SLO	Centre Back	26.06.1986	Ptuj, SLO	184	87
34	Michael	Damgaard	DEN	Left Back	18.03.1990	Lolland, DEN	192	95
66	Janik	Patzwaldt	GER	Goalkeeper	22.05.2001	Magdeburg, GER	192	88
95	Moritz	Preuß	GER	Line Player	22.02.1995	Dachau, GER	194	103

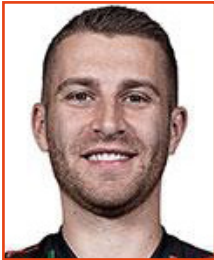


Jannick Green

Goalkeeper

- Danish goalkeeper who played CL with two different clubs: Aalborg and Bjerringbro
- arrived in Magdeburg in 2014, coming from Bjerringbro
- his mother was Danish international, his father coached him at Lemvig
- undisputed No. 1 since Dario Quenstedt moved to THW Kiel in 2019

OG: G 2016; EURO: S 2014; WCh: G 2019, S 2013

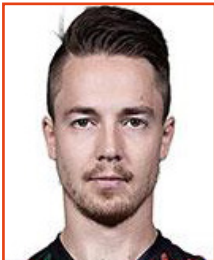


Lukas Mertens

 @lukasmertens22

left wing

- has taken the job of regular left wing Matthias Musche, who was out with a severe knee injury almost for a year
- like Musche, just has extended his contract until 2024
- thanks to his high-speed counter attacks his nickname is “Speedy”
- started his handball career at his home club Wilhelmshaven, joined SCM in 2017
- silver medallist and All-star Team left wing at the U20 EHD EURO in Denmark in 2018
- studies sports science at the Magdeburg University



Michael Damgaard

 @dgaard34

Left back

- joined Magdeburg in 2015 from TTH Holstebro in his native Denmark
- started professional career at GOG before moving to Holstebro in 2010
- was Magdeburg’s best scorer in last EHF Cup 2019/20 season
- his older brother, Allan, is also a professional handball player, for Holstebro

OG: G 2016; WCh: G 2019



Marko Bezjak

 @25bezo

Centre back

- Slovenian international who arrived in Magdeburg from Velenje in 2013
- won Slovenian league title three times and gained CL experience with Velenje
- shares playmaker position with captain Christian O’Sullivan and Gisli Kristjansson
- shoulder injury kept him away from the court for six months in 2019/20

WCh: B 2017



Christian O'Sullivan

 @christianosullivan24

Centre back

- the team captain of Magdeburg and a key figure in the Norwegian national team
- his motto for handball is: I want to make my teammates better
- his father was handball international for Great Britain, and he was asked to become the captain of the GB team for the 2012 Olympic Games, but did not want to change citizenship
- arrived from Swedish side IFK Kristianstad in 2016 at SCM, just extended his contract until 2024
- big fan of Tottenham Hotspurs football club

EURO B 2020; WCh S 2017, 2019



Magnus Gullerud

 @magnusgullerud

Line player

- went the traditional way from Norway via Denmark to Germany - from Elverum (until 2013) to SonderjyskE (until 2016) to Minden and in 2020 to Magdeburg
- became the fan hero at GWD thanks to his fighting spirit
- forms a line player trio with Zeljko Musa and Moritz Preuß at SCM - and will take more responsibility when Musa returns to Croatia (Zagreb) in summer
- excellent defender is a core player of the Norwegian national team for more than ten years

EURO B 2020; WCh S 2017, 2019



Ómar Ingi Magnussen

 @omaringim

Right back

- Icelandic back, who joined Magdeburg in summer of 2020 after four years in Denmark, with Aarhus and Aalborg respectively
- was Magdeburg's best scorer in the ELM group phase, with 48 goals
- forms backcourt duo with fellow Icelandic player Gisli Kristjánsson
- made national team debut for Iceland at age 18
- won bronze with Iceland and was member of All-star Team at U19 WCh in 2015



Tim Hornke

 @tim_hornke90

Right wing

- has his second stint at Magdeburg after playing for seasons for SCM in 2010-14
- played five years for TBV Lemgo, before returning to Magdeburg in 2019
- in 2017 had a late debut in the German men's national team at the age of 27, several years after he became European U18 champion in 2008 and world U21 champion in 2011
- classical counter-attack specialist with high speed and a high efficiency in scoring
- Magdeburg's second best European League scorer so far in this season

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: blue
GK shirt: navy blue

Dark

Player shirt: blue
Player short: blue
GK shirt: red



Playing hall

Orlen Arena
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09-400 Płock
Poland
Capacity: 5,467

ORLEN WISLA PŁOCK



ROAD TO THE EHF FINALS

GROUP PHASE

vs Chekhovskie med. L25:27 (13:16)
@ Abanca Ad. Leon L32:27 (16:9)
vs Abanca Ad. Leon W29:22 (15:11)
vs HC Metalurg W35:20 (16:10)
@ HC Metalurg W19:38 (9:16)
@ Fivers W22:30 (9:14)
vs Fenix Toulouse HB W27:25 (12:9)
@ Fenix Toulouse HB W25:26 (12:14)
@ Chekhovskie med. W27:28 (11:13)
vs Fivers W32:23 (17:15)

LAST 16

@ Sporting CP W25:29 (15:15)
vs Sporting CP L25:28 (12:14)

QUARTER-FINAL

@ GOG L30:27
vs GOG W31:26

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Michal Daszek (POL)	62
2 Lovro Mihic (CRO)	55
Zoltan Szita (HUN)	55
4 Niko Mindegia (ESP)	48
5 Przemyslaw Krajewski (PL)	39

FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Orlen Wisła Płock	10	8	0	2	297:242	(55)	16
2. Abanca Ademar Leon	10	5	4	1	307:296	(11)	14
3. Chekhovskie medvedi	10	7	0	3	301:264	(37)	14
4. Fivers	10	2	2	6	301:311	(-10)	6
5. Fenix Toulouse Handball	10	2	2	6	227:250	(-23)	6
6. HC Metalurg	10	1	2	7	259:329	(-70)	4

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Last 16 (6): 2011/12, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2018/19, 2019/20
Group Phase (7): 2002/03, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2008/09, 2016/17, 2017/18

EHF Cup

Quarter-final 1993/94; Group Phase 2012/13

Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-final 1996/97

Polish league: 7 titles (1994/95, 2001/02, 2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2007/08, 2010/11)

Polish Cup: 10 titles (1991/92, 1994/95, 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, 2000/01, 2004/05, 2006/07, 2007/08)



Xavier Sabate

Coach

 @xavi_sabate

- Płock head coach since July 2018, taking over a few months after Piotr Przybecki had left the club
- experienced coach who worked at Veszprém from 2015-17, leading the Hungarian team to the VELUX EHF FINAL4 2016 final, where they lost to Kielce in a penalty shoot-out
- was voted coach of the CL 2015/16 All-star Team
- great eye for detail, engaging in all aspects of coaching including tactical analysis and team building

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Adam	Morawski	POL	Goalkeeper	17.10.1994	Ciechanów, POL	190	82
C 3	Michał	Daszek	POL	Right Wing	27.06.1992	Tczew, POL	180	70
4	Philip	Stenmalm	SWE	Left Back	03.03.1992	Vaxjo, SWE	198	90
5	Predrag	Vejin	SRB	Right Back	17.12.1992	Apatin, SRB	196	95
7	Dawid	Lemanowicz	POL	Centre Back	09.09.2001	Plock, POL	176	70
8	Oliwier	Kaminski	POL	Right Back	24.04.2004	Plock, POL	190	76
12	Ivan	Stevanovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	18.05.1982	Rijeka, CRO	193	101
13	Alvaro	Ruiz Sanchez	ESP	Centre Back	08.04.1991	Almeria, ESP	194	90
14	David	Fernández	ESP	Right Back	14.04.1996	Valladolid, ESP	196	90
16	Marcin	Wichary	POL	Goalkeeper	17.02.1980	Zabrze, POL	193	90
17	Abel	Serdio Guntín	ESP	Line Player	16.04.1994	Avilés, ESP	195	100
19	Leon	Šušnja	CRO	Line Player	05.08.1993	Siroki Brijeg, CRO	204	113
20	Abdelrahman	Homayed	EGY	Goalkeeper	15.01.2000	Kair, EGY	195	95
21	Zoltan	Szita	HUN	Left Back	10.02.1998	Veszprém, HUN	196	92
22	Szymon	Rybicki	POL	Goalkeeper	19.11.1997	Plock, POL	184	77
23	Dominik	Mierzwicki	POL	Right Wing	08.07.1999	Plock, POL	182	78
24	Leon	Sowul	POL	Left Wing	19.06.1996	Plock, POL	189	78
25	Krzysztof	Komarzewski	POL	Right Wing	18.09.1998	Gdansk, POL	188	85
26	Przemysław	Krajewski	POL	Left Wing	20.01.1987	Ciechanów, POL	184	85
27	Jakub	Kozłowski	POL	Goalkeeper	18.06.2000	Plock, POL	194	90
30	Mirsad	Terzic	BIH	Left Back	12.07.1983	Priboj, BIH	196	103
31	Jeremy	Toto	FRA	Line Player	15.05.1992	Courbevoie, FAR	197	106
33	Leonardo	Dutra Ferreira	BRA	Left Back	29.03.1996	Brazil	183	96
34	Lovro	Mihic	CRO	Left Wing	25.08.1994	Zagreb, CRO	180	74
44	Mikolaj	Czaplinski	POL	Left Wing	11.08.2000	Plock, POL	188	77
55	Niko	Mindegia Elizaga	ESP	Centre Back	19.07.1988	Santesteban, ESP	184	87
77	Filip	Witkowski	POL	Right Wing	10.05.2001	Plock, POL	182	80

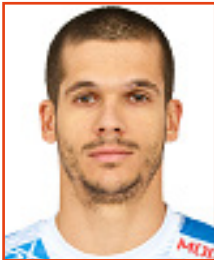


Adam Morawski

 @loczek1994

Goalkeeper

- Polish international, who started to play at senior level in 2013/14, debuted in the national team in 2013 and in the CL two years later
- excelled for Płock in 2016/17, earning him a nomination for the best goalkeeper of the season award in the Polish league
- his nickname 'Loczek' means 'Curl'



Lovro Mihic

Left wing

- joined RK PPD Zagreb in 2012 and left to Płock in 2016 at the age of 22
- part of the national team at the WCh 2017 at France, when the Croats finished third, and the 2018 EHF EURO on home ground
- had his comeback in the Croatian national team in the EURO Cup matches in April/May 2021
- profits from the Spanish-based counter-attack matchplay of Wisła

WCh: B 2017



Zoltan Szita

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Left back

- Hungarian back, who joined Płock in 2019 after two seasons with Balatonfüredi KSE
- previously played for Veszprém, knows coach Sabate from their joined time there
- was best left back of Hungarian league in 2018/19 season and those good league performances won him a place in the national team
- talented player, both in attack and defence, one of the main distance guns of the Oilers



Niko Mindegia

 @nikomindegia

Centre back

- Spanish playmaker, who arrived at Płock in 2019 as Poland became the fifth country on his career journey
- also had stints in Hungary (Szeged, 2013-16), Denmark (KIF Kolding, 2016/17), and France (Chambéry Savoie MHB, 2017-19) after leaving Spain (La Rioja) in 2013
- played at EHF EURO in 2012, 2014 and 2016, reaching the semi-final on each occasion

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014
EURO: S 2016, B 2014



Leon Šušnja

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Line player

- born in Bosnia-Herzegovina, but took over the Croatian citizenship
- at the age of 20, joined Croatian record champion RK PPD Zagreb, where he played together with some Wisła teammates such as Lovro Mihic or Ivan Stevanovic
- went to Płock in summer 2019
- builds the middle block of the Wisła defence together with Mirsad Terzic
- had his debut in the Croatian national team in 2018, but did not play any major tournament so far



Mirsad Terzic

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Left back/defence

- played 16 seasons in a row in the CL with his previous clubs Zagreb (2005-2007), Celje (2007-2009) and Veszprém (2009-2020)
- 14 times national champions with those clubs from 2005 until 2020
- former Veszprems's defence boss for more than a decade and part of five EHF FINAL4 events with the Hungarian record champions
- coached by Xavier Sabate already at Veszprém, won the SEHA League twice under him
- played one WCh (2015) and EHF EURO (2020) each with Bosnia-Herzegovina, just qualified for the EHF EURO 2022 again
- arrived at Płock in 2020, his contract expires in 2022



David Fernandez

Right back

- born in Valladolid, left his home club at the age of 20 in 2016 to join Ademar León.
- after four seasons at León, joined Wisła Płock in 2020 - and faced his former teammates already in the group phase
- shares the right back position with Zoran Ilic
- was in the provisional squad lists for the EHF EURO 2018 and 2020, when Spain won both gold medals, but did not play at the final tournaments
- had his debut in the "Hispanos" squad in 2019



Michal Daszek

 @michaeldaszek

Right wing

- arrived at Płock from MMTS Kwidzyn in 2014, a year after he had made his debut in the Polish national team
- useful both on the right wing and on the centre back position
- was best wing and MVP of the Polish league in 2018/19
- won bronze with Poland at WCh 2015 and played at Olympics the following year

WCh: B 2015

I RHEIN-NECKAR LÖWEN (GER) VS FÜCHSE BERLIN (GER)



Semi-final 2
Saturday 22 May 2021 at 20:45 CEST

Referees: Radojko Brkic, Andrei Jusufhodzic (AUT)
EHF Delegates: Leopold Kalin (SLO), Dragan Nachevski (MKD)



- Three all-German semi-finals have been played in the EHF Cup since 2013, and each time the winner of that match went on to take the title: in 2013 Löwen beat Göppingen 28:22, in 2017 Göppingen beat Magdeburg 33:29, and in 2018 Füchse beat Göppingen 27:24.
- Löwen lost their last three matches in the domestic Bundesliga, including a 27:24 home defeat against Füchse.
- The two teams never met in an international competition before, but Löwen lead Füchse in the head-to-head stats after 29 domestic duels - with 16 wins, four draws and nine defeats.
- Both teams played at the EHF FINAL4 once, but missed the final: Löwen in 2011, Füchse in 2012.
- Füchse are record holders with their fifth appearance at the final tournament of Europe's second-tier competition, after reaching the EHF Cup Finals in 2014, 2015, 2018 and 2019, winning the trophy in 2015 and 2018.
- Löwen won the first edition of the EHF Cup Finals in 2013 in Nantes, and can now become the first winners of the EHF Finals Men in their home arena.
- Löwen are missing several long-term injured players: goalkeeper Mikael Appelgren and defence specialists Ilija Abutovic and Jesper Nielsen; also, French back court player Romain Lagarde is doubtful
- on the other hand their captain Uwe Gensheimer should return from an injury break just in time for the tournament, while the club also announced a temporary return of Kim Ekdahl DuRietz
- After the season, Löwen coach Martin Schwalb will return to HSV Hamburg, the club he steered to the EHF Champions League title in 2013.
- Füchse right wing Hans Lindberg, who won the EHF Champions League with Hamburg in 2013, can win his third European trophy with the club from Berlin.
- Lindberg is Füchse's best scorer in the EHF European League with 48 goals since the start of the group phase, while Swedish left wing Jerry Tollbring, who joins GOG in Denmark next season, leads for Löwen with 57.

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs Füchse Berlin

No previous encounters in European competitions.

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Kit colours

Light

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Player short: dark blue
GK shirt: white

Dark

Player shirt: dark red
Player short: dark blue
GK shirt: black



Playing hall

SAP Arena

An der Arena 1
68163 Mannheim
Germany
Capacity: 13,200

RHEIN-NECKAR LÖWEN



ROAD TO THE EHF FINALS

GROUP PHASE

vs GOG	W32:24 (17:13)
vs RK Trimo Trebnje	W31:28 (15:11)
vs Grundfos Tatabanya	W37:30 (20:13)
@ RK Trimo Trebnje	W29:35 (13:19)
@ Kadetten Schaffhausen	W27:34 (15:15)
vs Kadetten Schaffhausen	D30:30 (17:13)
@ Grundfos Tatabanya	W26:32 (15:21)
vs Eurofarm Pelister	W28:20 (14:11)
@ GOG	W32:37 (14:19)
@ Eurofarm Pelister	L10:0

LAST 16

@ RK Nexø	W25:27 (14:13)
vs RK Nexø	D27:27 (14:12)

QUARTER-FINAL

@ Chekhov med.	L33:321
vs Chekhov med.	W37:27

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Jerry Tollbring (SWE)	56
2 Patrick Groetzki (GER)	53
3 Andre Schmid (SUI)	52
4 Jannik Kohlbacher (GER)	48
5 Uwe Gensheimer (GER)	45

FINAL RANKING GROUP D

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Rhein-Neckar Löwen	10	8	1	1	296:256	(40)	17
2. Kadetten Schaffhausen	10	6	2	2	261:251	(10)	14
3. GOG	10	6	0	4	306:305	(1)	12
4. HC Eurofarm Pelister	10	5	1	4	244:237	(7)	11
5. RK Trimo Trebnje	10	3	0	7	250:273	(-23)	6
6. Grundfos Tatabanya KC	10	0	0	10	263:298	(-35)	0

Past achievements

EHF Champions League: Semi-finals 2008/09; EHF FINAL4 2010/11

EHF Cup (1 title): 2012/13

Bundesliga (2 titles): 2015/16, 2016/17

German cup (1 title): 2017/18



Martin Schwalb Coach

- steers the club together with Klaus Gärtner
- replaced Kristján Andrésson at Löwen in February 2020 for his first coaching job since suffering a heart attack in 2016
- still the only German coach who has won the EHF Champions League - with HSV in 2013
- coached Wallau and Wetzlar before joining HSV in 2005
- set to return to his former club HSV in summer of 2021
- as a player, he competed in 193 matches for Germany
- was voted player of the year in Germany in 1996

EC trophies: CL 2013, CWC 2007 (as coach)
OG: S 1984; EURO: B 1998 (as player)

Late entries:

Kim Ekdahl du Rietz
Sebastian Trost

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Mikael	Appelgren	SWE	Goalkeeper	06.09.1989	Uddevalla, SWE	191	100
2	Andre	Schmid	SUI	Centre Back	30.08.1983	Horgen, SUI	190	86
C 3	Uwe	Gensheimer	GER	Left Wing	26.10.1986	Mannheim, GER	188	90
4	Elias	Scholtes	GER	Right Back	17.08.2003	Bruchsal, GER	190	90
5	Kaspar	Veigel	GER	Right Wing	22.09.2001	Germersheim, GER	189	88
6	Niclas Vest	Kirkeløkke	DEN	Right Back	26.03.1994	Ringe, DEN	195	100
7	Maximilian	Trost	GER	Left Back	23.08.1995	Schwetzingen, GER	202	100
7	Robert	Kraß	GER	Right Back	24.08.2003	Germersheim, GER	201	103
8	Romain	Lagarde	FRA	Centre Back	05.03.1997	Lorient, FRA	194	95
9	Mait	Patrail	EST	Left Back	11.04.1988	Põlva, EST	200	102
12	Andreas	Palicka	SWE	Goalkeeper	10.07.1986	N Nöbbelöv, SWE	189	88
15	Leon	Bolius	GER	Left Wing	13.06.1995	Schwetzingen, GER	178	78
16	Niklas	Gierse	GER	Goalkeeper	15.01.2000	Heidelberg, GER	198	106
17	Jerry	Tollbring	SWE	Left Wing	13.09.1995	Norrårlje, SWE	182	82
19	Philipp	Ahouansou	GER	Left Back	02.05.2001	Hanau, GER	203	90
20	Ilija	Abutovic	SRB	Left Back	02.08.1988	Vrbas, SRB	202	100
21	Sebastian	Trost	GER	Left Back	02.01.1998	Speyer, GER	192	95
22	Christopher	Roth	GER	Left Back	18.03.2001	Karlsruhe, GER	196	105
23	Albin	Lagergren	SWE	Right Back	11.09.1992	Varberg, SWE	186	94
24	Patrick	Groetzki	GER	Right Wing	04.07.1989	Pforzheim, GER	189	84
27	Jannis	Schneibel	GER	Centre Back	06.07.2000	Ludwigshafen, GER	188	77
29	David	Späth	GER	Goalkeeper	29.04.2002	Kaiserslautern, GER	197	95
32	Alexander	Petersson	ISL	Right Back	02.07.1980	Riga, LAT	188	89
33	Ýmir	Gíslason	ISL	Line Player	01.07.1997	Reykjavik, ISL	192	90
36	Jesper	Nielsen	SWE	Line Player	30.09.1989	Norrköping, SWE	200	118
55	Nikolas	Katsigiannis	GER	Goalkeeper	17.09.1982	Werne, GER	195	100
60	Kim	Ekdahl du Rietz	SWE	Right Back	23.07.1989	Lund, SWE	194	100
65	Lukas	Nilsson	SWE	Left Back	16.11.1996	Ystad, SWE	194	97
72	David	Ganshorn	GER	Line Player	27.05.1989	Mannheim, GER	191	99
73	Veith	Schlafmann	GER	Right Wing	18.04.2002	Heidelberg, GER	186	85
80	Jannik	Kohlbacher	GER	Line Player	19.07.1995	Bensheim, GER	193	105
97	Rico	Keller	GER	Centre Back	30.07.1997	Heidelberg, GER	192	87
	Niklas	Michalski	GER		20.02.2003			



Andreas Palicka

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Goalkeeper

- born in the Swedish handball city of Lund and went to famous Redberglids club at the age of 16
- six years later, made the move to THW Kiel, winning the Champions league twice and 16 trophies in total from 2008 until 2015
- after a season at Aalborg, returned to Germany and became number 1 of Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- due to an injury, was out at the start of the season, but then became silver medallist and All-star Team player of the 2021 WCh in Egypt

EC trophies: CL 2010, 2012
EHF EURO S 2018, WCh S 2021



Jerry Tollbring

 @tollbring

Left wing

- arrived in 2017 at Löwen, entering the huge footprint of Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson
- discovered after his strong Champions League performances at Kristianstad
- regularly shares the left wing position with Uwe Gensheimer, but the team captain is out now after a meniscus surgery
- with 44 goals is Löwen's second best scorer in the European league after the Last 16 below Gensheimer

EURO: S 2018



Lukas Nilsson

 @lukasnilsson

Left back

- like many Swedish top players, he comes from Ystad
- joined Löwen in summer of 2020 to replace Mads Mensah Larsen, arriving from Bundesliga rivals THW Kiel, where he spent three seasons
- scored 337 Bundesliga goals for Kiel in three years
- is one of five Swedish players in the Löwen squad for the 2020/21 season

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019



Andre Schmid

 @andyschmid2

Centre back

- playing in his 11th season with Löwen, his current contract runs until 2022
- previously played for Grasshopper and Amicitia in Zürich and for Bjerringbro
- key player, both as playmaker and shooter
- only member of Swiss national team who played at EHF EURO in both 2006 and 2020

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013



Jannik Kohlbacher

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Line player

- born at Bensheim, only some kilometres away from Mannheim
- had been part of the famous Großwallstadt youth programme, then went to HSG Wetzlar, before he joined Löwen in 2018
- since his time at Wetzlar, is the national team roommate of goalkeeper Andreas Wolff
- powerful and extremely movable line player with a huge shoot range
- in combination with playmaker Andy Schmid is one of the best Löwen assets in attack
- his handball nickname is “the mole”, as he always digs himself through the defence

EURO: G 2016, OG: B 2016



Albin Lagergren

 @albinlagergren

Right back

- like Palicka played for Redberglids and like Tollbring had his breakthrough at Kristianstad
- after winning the Swedish league four times, he moved to SC Magdeburg in 2018
- after two years at SCM, joined Löwen last summer as another Swede in the squad
- U21 World Champion in 2013 with Sweden, three years later had his debut in the senior team
- originally ruled out from the WCh 2021 by COVID-19, then became late replacement

EHF EURO: S 2018, WCh: S 2021



Mait Patrail

 @maitpatrail9

Left back/defence

- defence boss of Löwen after Ilija Abutovic and Jesper Nielsen are ruled out by injuries
- in attack, is more famous for assists than for goals
- just extended his contract until 2022, joined Löwen last summer
- top star of Estonian handball, awarded best Estonian player of the year six times
- played for his home Põlva until 2008, then joined Swiss side Kadetten Schaffhausen, before he arrived in Germany - first Lemgo (2011/12), then Hannover (2012-20)



Patrick Groetzki

 @patrickgroetzki24

Right wing

- been part of the Löwen squad for his entire career; has played over 560 games since 2007, more than any other player in the club's history
- made national team debut for Germany at age 19 in 2009
- was part of the team that won bronze at 2016 Rio Olympics

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013
OG: B 2016

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: green/white
Player short: green
GK shirt: black

Dark

Player shirt: black
Player short: black
GK shirt: red



Playing hall

Max-Schmeling-Halle
Falkplatz 1
10437 Berlin
Germany
Capacity: 8,521

FÜCHSE BERLIN



ROAD TO THE EHF FINALS

GROUP PHASE

vs Sporting CP W29:19 (14:10)
@ USAM Nimes Gard W22:24 (13:12)
vs USAM Nimes Gard D34:34 (16:17)
@ IFK Kristianstad W23:36 (11:17)
@ Dinamo Bucuresti D26:26 (12:14)
vs Dinamo Bucuresti W33:29 (15:12)
vs Tatran Presov W35:27 (18:13)
vs IFK Kristianstad W30:23 (15:12)
@ Sporting CP L10:0
@ Tatran Presov L10:0

LAST 16

@ Fivers W27:35 (15:17)
vs Fivers W10:0

QUARTER-FINAL

@ Montpellier HB L32:29
vs Montpellier HB W31:23

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Hans Lindberg (DEN)	57
2 Mijajlo Marsenic (SER)	48
3 Lasse Andersson (DEN)	47
4 Valter Chrintz (SWE)	37
Tim Matthes (GER)	37

FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Füchse Berlin	10	6	2	2	247:223	(24)	14
2. USAM Nimes Gard	10	5	2	3	279:263	(16)	12
3. IFK Kristianstad	10	5	1	4	273:276	(-3)	11
4. Sporting CP	10	5	0	5	244:241	(3)	10
5. C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	10	3	1	6	279:298	(-19)	7
6. Tatran Presov	10	3	0	7	233:254	(-21)	6

Past achievements

EHF Champions League
FINAL4 2011/12

EHF Cup
Winners (2): 2014/15, 2017/18

IHF Super Globe
Winners (2): 2015, 2016

German cup: 2013/14



Jaron Siewert

Coach


- at 26, the youngest head coach in German Bundesliga history
- played for Fuchse since he was a kid, but ended his playing career at age 21 to become a coach
- started as youth coach at Fuchse and assistant coach at Germany's national U-18 team
- arrived at Essen in 2017, led them to the Bundesliga in 2020
- took over at Fuchse from Michael Roth, who had stepped in after the departure of Velimir Petkovic in February 2020

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Lasse	Ludwig	GER	Goalkeeper	29.09.2002	Achern, GER	194	90
2	Simon	Ernst	GER	Centre Back	02.04.1994	Düren, GER	195	97
3	Fabian	Wiede	GER	Right Back	08.02.1994	Belzig, GER	192	89
6	Jacob Tandrup	Holm	DEN	Centre Back	05.09.1995	Esbjerg, DEN	194	94
10	Jakov	Gojun	CRO	Line Player	18.04.1986	Split, CRO	203	112
11	Lasse	Andersson	DEN	Left Back	11.03.1994	København, DEN	195	98
16	Frederik	Genz	GER	Goalkeeper	08.03.1997	Waldbröl, GER	194	93
17	Nils	Lichtlein	GER	Centre Back	31.07.2002	Regensburg, GER	183	76
18	Hans	Lindberg	DEN	Right Wing	01.08.1981	Höje Taastrup, DEN	188	88
19	Miro	Schlurhoff	GER	Left Back	25.04.2000	Bregenz, AUT	198	90
20	Tim	Freihöfer	GER	Left Wing	21.08.2002	Reutlingen, GER	173	72
22	Marian	Michalczyk	GER	Left Back	01.02.1997	Beckum, GER	198	96
23	Maxim	Orlov	GER	Left Back	01.03.2002	Kreuztal, GER	190	92
24	Frederik	Simak	GER	Left Back	24.01.1998	Gengenbach, GER	197	102
25	Matthes	Langhoff	GER	Left Back	30.03.2002	Neubrandenburg, GER	192	90
26	Valter	Chrintz	SWE	Right Wing	26.04.2000	Kristianstad, SWE	185	76
27	Max	Beneke	GER	Right Back	27.05.2003	Greifswald, GER	195	90
31	Tim	Matthes	GER	Left Wing	05.05.1999	Berlin, GER	181	82
32	Marcel	Nowak	POL	Right Wing	07.02.2002	Berlin, GER	193	92
33	Moritz	Sauter	GER	Centre Back	03.01.2003	Augsburg, GER	183	78
35	Marko	Kopljar	CRO	Right Back	12.02.1986	Pozega, CRO	210	108
37	Robin	Heinis	SUI	Right Back	28.04.2002	Therwil Basel, SUI	195	91
47	Dustin	Kraus	GER	Centre Back	26.03.2001	Moers, GER	196	95
66	Milos	Vujovic	MNE	Left Wing	05.09.1993	Cetinje, MNE	181	72
77	Johan	Koch	DEN	Line Player	29.11.1990	Svendborg, DEN	185	91
93	Mijajlo	Marsenic	SRB	Line Player	09.03.1993	Berane, SRB	202	107
C 95	Paul	Drux	GER	Left Back	07.02.1995	Gummersbach, GER	192	92
96	Dejan	Milosavljev	SRB	Goalkeeper	16.03.1996	Panchevo, SRB	196	135



Dejan Milosavljev

 @dejanmilosavljev

Goalkeeper

- Serbian international, who arrived at Füchse in summer of 2019 from Vardar, shortly after winning CL with the Macedonian side
- was EHF Champions League All-star goalkeeper in 2018/19
- shared position with Silvio Heinevetter in his first season at the club, but has become the No. 1 goalkeeper following Heinevetter's move to MT Melsungen

EC trophies: CL 2019



Tim Matthes

Left wing

- born in Berlin, is a typical example for Füchse's youth programme
- never played for any other club, got his first professional contract at the age of 19 in 2018
- German youth and junior champion with Füchse several times
- went through all German youth and junior national teams, and won the bronze medal at the U20 EHF EURO 2018
- since 2019, is the number one on his position at Füchse



Paul Druх

 @pauldruх

Left back

- born in Gummersbach, discovered by Füchse Berlin, when he was 16
- arrived in Berlin 2011, and became one of Füchse's daces throughout the years
- All-star player at the Men's 20 EHF EURO 2014 in Austria, where he led the Germans to the gold medal like at the Men's 18 EHF EURO 2012
- missed several top events due to injuries, like the EHF EURO 2016 or the 2021 WCh
- owns a sport-cloth and street wear company

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2015, 2018
OG: B 2016



Lasse Andersson


Left back

- signed a three-eyars-contract at Berlin in summer 2020
- arrived from FC Barcelona where he had played four seasons after he had started his career at KIF Kolding Kobenhavn
- one of four Danes in the Füchse squad
- classical back court shooter - and is back on track after some severe injuries at his time at Barca

WCh: G 2021



Jacob Holm

 @jacobholm_

Centre back

- started his handball career in Skjern, then moved to Esbjerg
- third best scorer of the Danish league in his last season on home ground
- at the age of 23, and one year earlier than originally planned, moved to Berlin in 2018
- one of three Danish World champions in the Füchse squad
- arrived as playmaker, but is also among the best Füchse scorers

WCh: G 2021



Mijajlo Marsenic

Line player

- besides Hans Lindberg, the only Champions League winner in the Füchse squad
- arrived from Vardar Skopje in 2018, played also for their arch-rival Metalurg before
- was supposed to only play defence, but became a key weapon in attack too
- won the SEHA-League twice with Vardar
- started his career at Partizan Belgrade

EC trophies: CL 2017



Fabian Wiede

 @fabian_w3

Right back

- arrived from Potsdam at Füchse youth team at age 15, has won numerous junior and senior titles with the Berlin club since
- made national team debut at 19, missed EHF EURO 2020 with shoulder injury
- started apprenticeship at a bank in Berlin only two days after winning EHF EURO 2016

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2015, 2018
EURO: G 2016; OG: B 2016



Hans Lindberg

 @hanslindberg18

Right wing

- Danish international who joined Füchse in 2016 after nine seasons at HSV in Hamburg
- top scorer of CL 2012/13 with HSV and of EHF Cup 2016/17 and 2017/18 with Füchse
- started career in Viborg in his native Denmark; his nickname back then was 'Majestæt'
- won WCh 2019 and EHF EURO 2008 and 2012, was part of WCh 2013 All-star Team

EC trophies: CL 2013; EHF Cup 2018
EURO: G 2008, 2012, S 2014; WCh: G 2019, S 2011, 2013, B 2007

I SUNDAY'S MATCHES

Sunday 23 May 2021

3/4 Placement Match (18:00 CEST):

Loser SC Magdeburg/Orlen Wisla Plock vs Loser Rhein-Neckar Löwen/Füchse Berlin

Referees: Adam Biro, Oliver Kiss (Hungary)

Final (20:30 CEST):

Winner SC Magdeburg/Orlen Wisla Plock vs Winner Rhein-Neckar Löwen/Füchse Berlin

Referees: Nenad Nikolic, Dusan Stojkovic (Serbia)

I POTENTIAL HEAD-TO-HEADS

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN POTENTIAL FINALISTS

SC Magdeburg vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen 2-0-4 (179:178) 4:8

02.12.2006	SC Magdeburg vs SG Kronau/Östringen, EHF Cup – Last 16	39:26 (19:10)
09.12.2006	SG Kronau/Östringen vs SC Magdeburg, EHF Cup – Last 16	38:34 (20:19)
04.03.2008	Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs SC Magdeburg, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	28:26 (10:12)
15.03.2008	SC Magdeburg vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	29:31 (12:13)
21.04.2013	SC Magdeburg vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen, EHF Cup – Quarter-final	31:28 (16:12)
27.04.2013	Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs SC Magdeburg, EHF Cup – Quarter-final	27:20 (12:11)

SC Magdeburg vs Füchse Berlin

No previous encounters in European competitions

Orlen Wisla Plock vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen 0-0-4 (102:138) 0:8

16.10.2008	Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs Wisla Plock SA, EHF Champions League – Group H	38:25 (20:14)
20.11.2008	Wisla Plock SA vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen, EHF Champions League – Group H	23:37 (9:20)
20.09.2017	Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs Orlen Wisla Plock, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	31:27 (13:13)
25.02.2018	Orlen Wisla Plock vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	27:32 (15:14)

Orlen Wisla Plock vs Füchse Berlin

No previous encounters in European competitions

I IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

WHAT HAPPENS IN CASE OF A DRAW IN REGULAR TIME?

All matches of the EHF Finals Men shall be played in 2 x 30 minutes.

If a semi-final match or the Final ends in a draw, there will be a five minutes break followed by one extra time of 2 x 5 minutes, there will be a one minute half time break at half time for the changeover of teams.

If the 3/4 placement match ends in a draw, there shall be no extra time, the match will be decided directly by penalty throws.

If penalty throws are needed to decide the match, the procedure is as follows:

- Only players (incl. goalkeepers) who are listed on the match report and are not suspended or disqualified at the end of the playing time are entitled to participate at the penalty throws.
- At the technical meeting the teams will be informed at which goal the penalty throws will be taken. The team taking the first penalty throw shall be determined by the referees by drawing lots. The team winning the draw may choose whether it wishes to throw first or last.
- Prior to the penalty throws, each team shall name five by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one throw each until a decision (a winner) is reached, alternating with their opponents. Each team is free to determine the sequence in which throwers will take their throws.
- The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the match report and exchanged in accordance with the rules of the game. Goalkeepers may take throws and throwers may perform as goalkeepers.
- If the scores are equal after the first round of penalty throws, it shall be continued until a decision is reached. In the second round, the other team shall start. Again, five players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).
- In the second round, a decision is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one throw each.
- Serious infractions committed during penalty throws shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be supplementary named.
- While the throws are being taken, only the player taking the throw, the current goalkeeper and the referees may enter the respective half of the playing court.
- If the number of eligible players falls below five, players may be named to take a second throw in the same round.

CURRENT TOP SCORERS



96 goals

Emil Jakobsen
GOG

Rank	Player	Club	Goals
1	Emil Jakobsen (DEN)	GOG	96
2	Ómar Ingi Magnussen (ISL)	SC Magdeburg	81
3	Alexander Kotov (RUS)	Chekhovskie medvedi	72
4	Halil Jaganjac (CRO)	RK Nexe	69
5	Gonzalo Perez (ESP)	Abanca Ademar Leon	68
6	Sergei Mark Kosorotov (RUS)	Chekhovskie medvedi	65
7	Adam Nyfjäll (SWE)	IFK Kristianstad	63
8	Hugo Descat (FRA)	Montpellier HB	62
	Stipe Mandalinic (CRO)	HC Eurofarm Pelister	62
	Michal Daszek (POL)	Orlen Wisla Plock	62
11	Mathias Gidsel (DEN)	GOG	60
	Simon Pytlick (DEN)	GOG	60
13	Janko Kevic (CRO)	RK Nexe	58
14	Eric Damböck (AUT)	Fivers	55
	Lovro Mihic (CRO)	Orlen Wisla Plock	55
	Zoltan Szita (HUN)	Orlen Wisla Plock	55
17	Jerry Tollbring (SWE)	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	53
	Ramazan Döne (TUR)	Besiktas Aygaz	53
19	Lukas Mertens (GER)	SC Magdeburg	51
20	Tin Lucin (CRO)	Abanca Ademar Leon	50
	Pedro Valdez (CUB)	Sporting CP	50

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